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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Richard J. BUCALA, et al.

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FOR: INHIBITION OF MIGRATION INHIBITORY FACTOR IN THE
TREATMENT OF DISEASES INVOLVING CYTOKINE-MEDIATED
TOXICITY

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated February 11, 2003, entry of the following is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

66. (Three Times Amended) A diagnostic method for determining the amount of MIF protein in a patient, comprising:

(a) obtaining a sample from the patient; and

(b) determining the amount of MIF in the sample using an immunoassay with an anti-

MIF antibody, wherein the immunoassay is selected from the group consisting of ELISA, immunoprecipitation, immunohistochemistry, and Western analysis, and wherein MIF is a human MIF polypeptide having a molecular weight of approximately 12.5 kDa, and wherein the